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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to fair in the Midwest, generally fair to instances good elsewhere. Food service was moderate to good, best where feature activity was in progress. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance and moving well. Bone-in breasts and fronts were adequate and clearing. Other items were usually sufficient with generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 58.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.75 cents last year on the 4th of November, 1998.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	61.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 10/30/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	168,109	172,049	-02
CHICKS PLACED	133,466	135,661	-02

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 168 million eggs during the week ending October 30, 1999. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 1999. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 30, 1999, were 6.15 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.85 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate for full trade needs. Demand by stores good for wholebody to cover ads only fair otherwise; restaurants fairly good best by fast food. Floor stocks adequate. Parts were steady to fully steady with wings and sized breast fronts in the strongest position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was generally light to fair. Supplies were sufficient for most trade requirements. In the parts structure, supplies of bone-in breast were in close balance to tight, other items ranged about adequate to fully adequate. Movement was fair to good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were in balance with trade needs with some additional WOG availability noted and smaller sized whole birds adequate to short. Retail demand was slow to fair at best. Food service movement irregular, slow to fairly good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes in a desirable range. Parts trading was light to moderate with inquiries on leg quarters and bone-in breasts, increased trading on wings. Jumbo wings and whole breast supplies were adequate to tight, balance of parts were at least adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on breast items and about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate as most buyers cautiously watched their inventories. Offerings were adequate to occasionally short of full needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts market, supplies of bone-in breasts were becoming more available. All other items were generally more than adequate to meet the less than desirable demand.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed and was typical of normal midweek activity at most plants. Offerings were adequate to instances short. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied, and were generally desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, inquiry tapered on the breasts items and supplies were at least adequate, particularly boneless skinless. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were clearing but some sellers noted resistance to higher prices.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	53-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.82
NO. OF BOXES	9,864

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 03, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	632	133.00-193.00	-	149.33
TENDERLOINS	87	140.00-175.00	140-145	148.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	72.00-79.00	72-75	72.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	23.00-33.00	23-25	24.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	15.00-18.00	15-16	16.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,256	17.00-20.50	19-20	19.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	57.00-61.00	57-59	58.00
WINGS (CUT)	378	62.00-77.00	63-68	67.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 02, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
33.50-48.00	42.29

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	648	125.00-193.00	-	154.71
TENDERLOINS	74	140.00-175.00	140-145	149.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	72.00-79.00	72-75	72.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	23.00-33.00	23-25	24.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	17.50-20.50	19-20	19.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	57.00-62.00	57-59	59.67
WINGS (CUT)	418	64.00-79.00	67-69	68.94
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 03, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 48.50	39.44	41.69

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was typically quiet for the middle of the week, however, optimism for the weekend was noted. Offerings of bone-in breasts began to loosen further, wings were mixed, and all other items were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement continued no better than fair. The market tone was generally steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES NOVEMBER 02, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.88	409,380
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.19	37,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	75.35	187,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	71.00	121,400
LEGS	26-27	30.08	127,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.52	217,316
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.68	90,750
THIGHS	17-18	26.51	76,240
B/S THIGHS	69-70	72.91	39,830
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.89	172,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	30,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.08	31,076
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.63	32,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 03, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	141.83	331,400
TENDERLOINS	140-145	141.13	52,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.11	157,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.64	137,200
LEGS	26-27	30.44	134,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.92	317,654
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.20	84,310
THIGHS	17-18	27.13	56,040
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.71	47,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	67.53	218,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	32,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.77	22,112
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.28	34,840

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
	11/03 11/02	11/01 10/29	11/01 10/29	10/27 10/25
ALA	3,911 3,977	3,898 3,460	5.25 4.93	3,697 5.19
ARK	4,992 6,124	5,224 5,105	4.93 4.56	5,063 4.95
DELMARVA	2,377 2,371	2,473 2,316	5.03 5.06	2,334 5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,564 1,653	1,806 1,777	4.49 4.36	1,753 4.48
MISS	2,739 2,839	2,781 2,672	5.22 5.02	2,521 5.08
NC	2,554 2,578	2,542 2,663	5.86 5.25	2,565 5.88
TEXAS	2,152 2,155	2,096 2,202	4.85 4.69	2,047 4.92
TOTAL	20,289 21,697	20,358 20,195	5.11 4.83	19,980 5.11
MON-WED	62,620 (A)			60,821 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Nov 99 is estimated to be 30,355,000 up 1.24 percent from a week ago and up 3.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,982,000; last year 29,472,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV -06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/06/99 (1)	10/30/99
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	154,965 (2)	154,210
LT HENS	1,741	2,008
HVY HENS	1,457	1,635
CHECK TOTAL	158,163	157,853

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Nov-99 is 148.3 million head compared to 153.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 8.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 13-Nov-99 the estimated available is 144.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 1-Nov-99	161,851	82,865
AM 1-Oct-99	183,153	95,290
CHG	-21,302	-12,425
PCT CHG	-12	-13

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/01/99	10/25/99	11/02/98	11/01/99	10/25/99	11/02/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	29,985	31,980	41,002	9,607	14,589	6,789
LOS						
ANGELES	897	915	674	652	5,340	2,402

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/02/99

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.20	.83	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.50	1.50	
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.55	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.65	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.15	.50	.32	BANTAMS ea.	.50	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.30	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.25	.75	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	3.50	-
GEESE lb.	.20	.75	.40	GEESE ea.	-	2.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.95	-	TURKEYS ea.	7.00	12.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.15	.90	.43	DUCKS ea.	1.00	5.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	2.25	1.32	RABBITS ea.	-	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.85	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.70	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	5.00	12.00	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 176

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 01, 1999.

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 29, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	48.63	113.32	70.83	23.61	4.72	44.86
High	49.58	122.77	75.55	28.33	5.67	44.86
Mostly	49.58	122.77	70.83	23.61	4.72	44.86
SAN JUAN						
Low	50.05	103.88	66.10	21.25	5.67	44.86
High	50.52	118.04	80.27	30.69	8.50	46.27
Mostly	50.05	118.04	70.83	23.61	5.67	44.86
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	47.22	108.60	66.10	18.89	4.72	42.50
High	49.11	122.77	75.55	23.61	5.67	42.50
Mostly	49.11	118.04	70.83	18.89	4.72	42.50
BECERRA						
Low	49.58	103.88	66.10	21.25	4.72	42.50
High	51.00	118.04	80.27	30.69	8.50	42.50
Mostly	49.58	113.32	70.83	25.97	5.67	42.50

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